



# SHEPHERD *of the* LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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114 E. Blue Earth Ave.

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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45am

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**Twelvth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 15, 2021**

## *Welcome to Shepherd of the Lakes*

We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

### *For Your Convenience. . .*

A room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place is located just outside of the back of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located in the hallway toward the front of the sanctuary. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns.

### *Prayer before worship*

Heavenly Father, as I worship you today, curb my wandering thoughts. Speak to my heart. Encourage me with your Word, that my faith is strengthened, my confidence and hope renewed, and I am recommitted to serve you faithfully. In Jesus' name, amen.



# THE SERVICE of WORD and SACRAMENT



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**OPENING HYMN: CW 221**.....*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

*PLEASE STAND*

**M:** The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### LORD, HAVE MERCY—*Kyrie*

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C:** Christ, have mercy.

**M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

**C:** Amen.

**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

### O LORD, OUR LORD

**C:** O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

## **GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY**

### **FIRST LESSON: Joshua 24:1-2,14-18**

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

<sup>2</sup>Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.

<sup>14</sup>"Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.<sup>15</sup> But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods!<sup>17</sup> It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled.<sup>18</sup> And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."

**PSALM OF THE DAY: CW Psalm 119C** (*Printed on pg. 111 in the front of the hymnal*)

## **SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:24-28**

<sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. <sup>25</sup>He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY:**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.  
(John 6:68)

*PLEASE STAND*

## **GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:51-69**

<sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

<sup>52</sup>Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

<sup>53</sup>Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

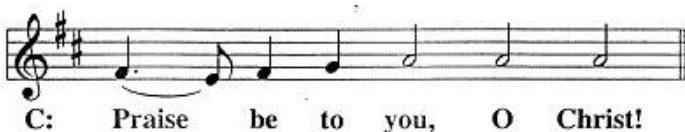
<sup>61</sup>Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you?<sup>62</sup>Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!<sup>63</sup>The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.<sup>64</sup>Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. <sup>65</sup>He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

<sup>66</sup>From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

<sup>67</sup>“You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

<sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.<sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*PLEASE BE SEATED*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 283**.....*Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening*

**SERMON**

*PLEASE STAND*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**OFFERINGS** *can be placed in the offering plate in the back of our sanctuary. They can also be mailed to our church office at **114 E. Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031** or made on our website under the “Donate” tab at the top of the homepage or taken to Profinium Bank in Fairmont*

**To our visitors:** *Our offering is not a debt we owe God, but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation, but love for God. The members of Shepherd of the Lakes have joined together to spread God’s message both in this community and around the world. As our guest, please do not feel obligated to contribute. We’re happy that you’re with us to hear about God’s love for you.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *Taken from Christian Worship pg. 32*

**M:** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son’s body and blood, which you give us to eat and drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send your Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.



**C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

**M:** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY—*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always

**C: Amen**

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD— *Agnus Dei***

**C:** O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

PLEASE BE SEATED

### DISTRIBUTION

*To our visitors:* Scripture teaches us that those who commune together are expressing a unity in faith and all of Scripture's teachings. This is called close communion. Therefore, if you are not a member of Shepherd of the Lakes, the Wisconsin Synod, or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, you will want to wait to commune with us until you've had the opportunity to learn more about what we believe and teach and then publicly express that unity at your confirmation. This is not a judgment in any way on your faith. Rather, we want you to be sure you agree with us before you express that unity at the Lord's Table. If you are interested in learning more about what we believe and teach or if you have any questions, please talk with our Pastor.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: CW 312w1,4-6,8 .....Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

PLEASE STAND

## THANKSGIVING

### THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - - men.

### THE BLESSING

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace; live in harmony with one another; serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you + peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN: CW 596.....***Let Me Be Yours Forever*

## **Notes and News for October 18, 2020**

**Prayer Requests:** As a we love each other as the body of Christ, we want to "rejoice with those who rejoice [and] mourn with those who mourn" (Romans 12:15). If you have any prayer requests, please pass them on to Pastor that we may take them to the Lord with you!

**Martin County Fair:** The Martin County Fair is returning this year after COVID and we will be having a booth for our church again. If you would be interested in helping to man our booth throughout the week, there is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall where you can sign up! It's easy and fun, so don't be shy! It's a great opportunity to make our church known in the community and share the news of the Good Shepherd!

**Worship In The Park!** Be sure to mark your calendars for our Worship in the Park on August 29th at Sylvania Park! Please bring your own meat to grill as we enjoy food and games together!

**Catechism:** Catechism class will begin September 8th at 6:30PM with an orientation for both children and parents. If you or someone else you know might like to register children, register with Pastor by calling (507) 238-9663 or emailing [sotlfairmont@gmail.com](mailto:sotlfairmont@gmail.com).

**Sunday School:** Sunday School will be starting up September 15th at 10:45AM. If you or someone else you know might like to register children, register with Pastor by calling (507) 238-9663 or emailing [sotlfairmont@gmail.com](mailto:sotlfairmont@gmail.com).

**Monday Night Bible Class:** Monday night Bible Class will be returning in September. Currently it is scheduled to begin at 6:30pm on September 13<sup>th</sup>

**Wine, Women, and the Word:** The women's Bible study will be returning this September beginning on September 11th. The women hold their Bible Class every second Saturday of the month at 2:00pm.

**Lutheran Women:** The Lutheran Women will begin meeting in September again beginning on September 2nd. They meet every first Thursday of the month, beginning at 6:00pm with a project followed by a devotion and business meeting at 7:00pm.

**Thank You!** Thank you to all our volunteers who helped out with Vacation Bible School in one capacity or another! It turned out great thanks to the hours of time put in by you all!

**Pastor Off:** Pastor is taking some time off this week. You can always contact him in an emergency. We will have Joel Thompson from Martin Luther College as our guest preacher on August 22nd.

**Watch Our Worship Live:** You can watch us worship live on Sundays at 9:30am by going to our YouTube page. You can scan the QR code to the right to be taken there



**Remember in your Prayers this Week**

- + Birthdays: Tagen Jacobsen (8/16)!
- + Anniversaries:
- + Prayer Requests:

**Coming Up this Week**

Today 8/15.....Worship 9:30am  
Bible Class 10:45am

Tuesday 8/16—8/22.....Martin County Fair

Sunday 8/22.....Worship 9:30am (Guest preacher Joel Thompson)  
Bible Class 10:45am

*“It’s no secret that there are a lot of hurting people in the world, and we know that untreated mental health concerns can affect entire families. At Christian Family Solutions, it is our mission to heal and help people in need through the ministry of Jesus Christ.*

*Our loving God tells us how anxiety, depression, grief, and other problems can be addressed. Using this understanding from God’s Word and evidence-based counseling techniques, our mental health professionals can assist people with all the challenges of life.*

*‘We want to be the Christian counseling resource people turn to for hope, healing, and peace.’”*

Mental health faces many obstacles in our world today. What a blessing God has given us through Christian Family Solutions, as they provide counseling and other psychological help along with the comfort of God’s Word!

Our congregation has also been blessed to have received gifts in the past to partake in Christian Family Solutions’ Member Assistance Program (MAP). MAP helps to provide a number of counseling services to our members while helping to defray their cost. These gifts have been very helpful. We would love to continue to use MAP to help our family here at Shepherd of the Lakes.

If you would ever like to contribute to this cause, please let Pastor or one of our elders know. Your contribution will be much appreciated as you aid in providing much needed help to God’s flock and our family. And not only do we do it for them, but whatever we do for one of God’s flock, we do for our Savior (Matthew 25:40)!

